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### **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RECOGNIZED BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR LEADERSHIP IN CLEAN DIESEL TECHNOLOGIES**



From left to right are Gwen Keyes-Fleming, Regional Administrator of EPA Region 4; Debbie Griner, of Miami-Dade County receiving the award for the County; Dave Sehr, Vice President of Ingrahm Barge receiving the private sector award, Jim Blubaugh, Chief of EPA's National Clean Diesel Campaign, and Beverly Banister, Director of EPA Region 4's Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division.

**(MIAMI, June 15, 2011)** – Miami-Dade County received yesterday in Atlanta the 2010 Southeast Diesel Collaborate (SEDC) Community Leadership Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The County received this honor for demonstrating extraordinary leadership in clean diesel technologies and promoting the SEDC's goal of improving air quality and public health by reducing emissions from existing diesel engines.

Highlighted examples of Miami-Dade County's efforts to use the latest in clean diesel technologies and reduce diesel emissions include:

- Five percent biodiesel blend across the County fleet since April 2009 spearheaded by the General Services Administration
- 38 diesel-electric hybrid buses in use by Miami-Dade Transit
- Six hybrid hydraulic waste collection vehicles in the Miami-Dade Solid Waste Management fleet
- Agriculture Irrigation Pump Engine Rebate Program in South Dade
- Projects addressing traffic congestion from freight movement and other Green Port Program projects at the Port of Miami

"We are honored to be recognized for these projects across several county departments" said Miami-Dade County Manager Alina T. Hudak, "I am proud of the collaboration among departments to bring about innovation and creativity."

“This recognition coupled with GreenPrint and our ongoing sustainability efforts, demonstrates Miami-Dade County’s serious commitment to protecting our environment and creating a healthier community,” said Susanne M. Torriente, Sustainability Director.

The SEDC is a public/private partnership formed in 2006 by the EPA Region 4 office in Atlanta, Georgia, under the auspices of the National Clean Diesel Campaign. Miami-Dade County has been an active participant in the collaborative since its inception and has received several competitive grant awards from the National Clean Diesel Campaign for projects to both displace diesel fuel and reduce emissions. Examples of funded projects include the retrofit of buses used in elderly service and early childhood education programs; the community rebate program enabling farmers and nursery owners to purchase fuel efficient engines that cut fuel consumption and costs by up to 50 percent; and the electrification of gantry cranes at the Port of Miami, which will eliminate 250,000 gallons of diesel consumption annually. The continuation of this successful partnership is an initiative in the County’s sustainability plan, GreenPrint.

For more information on GreenPrint, visit <http://green.miamidade.gov>. For more information on the Southeast Diesel Collaborative, visit <http://www.southeastdiesel.org/>.

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